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The home of good reading

As a writer, I love reading. I find it helps my writing in many ways from developing ideas to understanding styles and other writers' methods. I find this fascinating and the more I read the more I grow as a writer.

If you are reading this guide you no doubt have the same or similar requirements as I do. I want to read good content. I have found migrating my blog site to Substack, was one of the best decisions I have made as a writer. Their platform has provided me with a means to write an article on my Substack publication (blog site), but they do all the heavy lifting. Each week I write an article on any number of topics and each month I publish a newsletter recapping the previous month's articles but also include many other interesting and informative sections.

The Substack platform formats an article for desktop or mobile automatically which saves me heaps of time compared to my old way of doing things. It's a simple process and gives me back a lot of time which I use for writing and reading.

Now, I don't know if you have a Kindle but I am having a guess, as you are reading this guide, you do. For the last decade, I have had an e-reader in some way shape or form. I like reading paper books but have found that an e-reader has so many more benefits like my entire library on one device, a battery charge that lasts for weeks and the ability to have a backlight so I don't wake my wife up with our reading lamp on in the middle of the night, as I have a midnight reading binge.

Recently, I upgraded my kindle to the new 2021 version with its bigger 6.8” screen, warm night light and USB C charging. It’s worth every penny and I am enjoying my reading even more now with this amazing device.

As a writer, we are always researching this, and that. On one of my many research trips to Youtube, I discovered a video about how the presenter was subscribed to various Substack publications. He then went on to explain how he finds various articles and other news articles from different platforms and reads them on his kindle. When I heard this, it pricked my attention and after the video concluded, I tested his theory and it worked like a charm. The best thing was it was all done for free without the need for any secondary paid apps, and thus, the idea for this guide was born.

I have always shared information throughout my life. Some people hoard their information like gold and then protect it like a junkyard dog, but I have always found solace in the adage of sharing is caring. Showing someone how to do something from what I have learnt has always given me pleasure, knowing that the shared knowledge may help them in some way too. With this in mind, I hope you find this guide useful and that it helps you enjoy your reading on your kindle as well.

Prerequisites

Before we start, there are a few things you will need to make sure you have so here is a list:

- **Substack Account** – You could use any periodical but you will find some great FREE publications on many topics you will be interested in on Substack. For example, my Substack Publication is called thingsiblog. If you subscribe to it you will receive a weekly email on different topics such as travel, book reviews and various other topics like writing. To subscribe is easy so maybe it can be the first publication you subscribe to.
- **Kindle eReader** – well, this is self-explanatory given what this guide is about.
- **Amazon Account** – If you already have a kindle you'll have one of these.
- **Mobile (Cell) Smartphone** – Most people have these but you'll need to make sure you have the Kindle app installed. I haven't tested this on any Apple device. I have a Nokia Android mobile phone and this guide is based on using an android phone.

Now that we have that out of the way, let's get onto the next

chapter which explains the process using a few notes and some screenshots.

Follow these steps

The following steps will walk you through the process of sending your publication article from the Substack app on your phone to your Kindle. Like the cover says, this process is super easy, fun and I think you may, like me, find this process and reading your Substack publication articles on your Kindle enjoyable.

- Follow the steps starting on the next page.
- With each step through this process and in the screenshot shown on the subsequent pages, an action is needed. This will be highlighted in this guide by a red arrow as shown below:

Step 1. Open the Substack app

Open the Substack app on your mobile phone and then open a publication article. Once the article is open, select the share icon shown. For this example, we will be using an actual article sent to me from Substack.

Step 2. Select the Kindle app

Select the Kindle app as shown below**.** You may find this part of the process familiar as it is how you have probably shared many things before, for example maybe on Facebook or Pinterest.

Step 3. Sending the publication article

Sending the publication article is easy and following on from selecting to share via the Kindle app in Step 2, the next screen you will see is below. Wait a moment for the Title and Author name fields to be automatically populated then select send as shown.

Step 4. Now on your Kindle

Step 4. Now on your Kindle, the publication article should show up on your home tab. Make sure your WiFi is on and connected. Keep in mind the article may show and not be downloaded, but we take care of that in the next step.

Step 5. On the Kindle, downloading the article

On the Kindle, downloading the article is easy and the same as downloading a book. Just tap the article and it will automatically be queued by your Kindle and downloaded.

Step 6. The article should now be downloaded

The article should now be downloaded after a short wait. Once downloaded, it will show up with the “tick” to show it is now on your Kindle and also with the “New” sash as shown.

Step 7. Opening the article is easy

Step 7. Opening the article is easy and the same as opening a book, just tap the article and it will open. The next two screenshots show the article open on my Kindle and how it has been formatted.

I was quite impressed at how well the article was formatted which makes reading it a real pleasure.

Up and running

As I stated on the cover of this eBook guide, this process is super easy, fun and useful. Keep in mind that the guide's example and the guide itself are centred on Substack publication articles. While Kindle does an excellent job of formatting the articles, if you are sourcing an article from outside Substack, it may be formatted differently.

I hope I have made this process easy to follow and useful to you. Happy reading.

Regards

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William Dirk Mayberry is an Australian writer and independent digital publisher based in West Java, Indonesia. Writing across fiction, memoir, essays, educational works, self-help, and reflective nonfiction, his work explores memory, resilience, observation, and everyday human experience through a direct and personal style. His interest in storytelling began during his service in the Royal Australian Navy and later developed into a growing catalogue of independently published digital works released under the Java Free Press imprint. His publications include memoirs such as The Longest Way Home, children's stories from the Bag Chip Bird series, practical educational titles from the 101 Self Help collection, and speculative fiction projects including the Crononaught Collection. Influenced by writers such as Robert Louis Stevenson, his work combines realism, introspection, and accessible storytelling across a range of genres and formats.

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